Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 19 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 20 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 18 Dec 2020 at 16:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general developments and turning colder. Medium for cloud amounts.

Headline for Saturday 19 Dec 2020: A mainly dry and bright start. Heavy showers developing with gales and summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	20%	40%	50%	70%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry overnight with some clear spells, although the odd shower possible. A mainly dry and bright morning expected , but showers becoming heavy and widespread during the afternoon and evening. The showers will be heavy at times with a risk of hail and thunder. The showers wintry above about 800m with temporary blizzard conditions over the summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% overnight and during the morning, becoming 40% in the afternoon and evening with occasional or extensive cloud base 800 to 1000m, but lower in showers.

Visibility: Mostly very good falling moderate or poor in showers, and occasionally very poor at height.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/38 S	31/37 S	38/45 S	39/47 S	35/43 S	35/43 S	38/47 S	37/46 S	41/53 S
900	31/36 S	28/34 S	34/41 S	35/43 S	31/39 S	32/41 S	35/44 S	34/44 S	38/50 S
600	19/25 S	15/22 S	21/29 S	21/30 S	20/28 S	21/29 S	25/34 S	23/33 S	27/39 S
300	4/25 S	2/21 S	5/30 S	5/30 S	5/25 S	7/31 S	7/31 S	8/31 S	10/36 S
Glen	7/20 S	7/21 SE	13/31 S	13/30 S	11/27 S	13/30 S	15/31 S	12/27 S	15/33 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-6	2/-6	1/-8	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
900	2/-5	2/-4	2/-6	1/-7	1/-6	1/-7	-0/-9	0/-8	-0/-9
600	4/-1	4/0	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5
300	6/5	6/5	6/4	6/4	6/4	5/3	4/1	4/2	4/1
Glen	8/7	8/7	8/5	8/5	8/6	8/4	6/2	7/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1200m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing further to add.

Forecast for Sunday 20 Dec 2020
Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional bright spells and wintry showers, snow level around 800m falling to around 600m by the end of the day. The showers heavy and frequent at times with temporary blizzard conditions at height along with a severe wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwest 35 to 40mph gusting 60mph with a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, extensive cloud, bases around 900m, but lowering significantly in showers.

Visibility: Mostly very good falling moderate or poor in showers, and occasionally very poor at height.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Zero to Minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 800m falling to around 600m

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